


LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT	ADMINISTRATION
SUBJECT: <i>Alternatives to Arrests</i>	NUMBER: ADM.7
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AMENDS/SUPERSEDES:	APPROVED: 
NMMLEPSC STANDARDS: <i>ADM.02.05</i>	Chief of Police Gary Gold
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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the efficient and effective management of alternatives to arrests by providing administrative guidance that identifies the responsibilities and investigative process with in the uniform and investigative components of the department.

It is the policy of this Department to utilize the Criminal Citation in lieu of arrest whenever applicable, thereby reducing the time consumption involved with physical arrests while still taking enforcement action. In most cases, the officer will make the decision of whether a citation will be issued or a physical arrest made for the offense.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Las Vegas Police Department to manage the function of alternatives to arrests in an effective and efficient manner by coordinating the efforts of uniform and other investigative organizational components as provided in this policy.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This policy is applicable to all commissioned employees of the Las Vegas Police Department.

IV. REFERENCES:

A. NMMLEPSC Standards, ADM.02.05

V. DEFINITIONS:

None

VI. PROCEDURE:

A. Criminal citations may be used for offenses which are classified petty misdemeanors.

- 1. The criminal citation must be completed completely and properly including the necessary details.**
- 2. In order for the court to have the necessary information to process the complaint all pertinent information on the suspect, victim and witness shall be listed in the offense/incident report when a report is necessary.**
- 3. The officer will be sure that the correct violation and ordinance or statute number is used.**
- 4. Complete details of the incident should be placed in the offense/incident report in cases where a report is necessary.**

B. If any evidence is taken, the case or ORI number will be listed on the evidence form.

C. If a criminal citation is issued to a person over 18 and under 21 years of age for an alcohol violation, the citation will be sent to Municipal Court.

VII. ATTACHMENTS:

None